

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of November 30, 2010)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 122,390 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 113,577.
- Seventy percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently thirty-three patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 23 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-four percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,100 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	8,143	7%
Alamosa	258	<1%
Arapahoe	10,131	9%
Archuleta	373	<1%
Baca	59	<1%
Bent	38	<1%
Boulder	10,655	9%
Broomfield	1,110	1%
Chaffee	517	<1%
Cheyenne	22	<1%
Clear Creek	450	<1%
Conejos	102	<1%
Costilla	117	<1%
Crowley	60	<1%
Custer	71	<1%
Delta	722	1%
Denver	16,804	15%
Dolores	76	<1%

Douglas	3,848	3%
Eagle	1,523	1%
El Paso	11,752	10%
Elbert	389	<1%
Fremont	981	1%
Garfield	1,792	2%
Gilpin	404	<1%
Grand	432	<1%
Gunnison	565	<1%
Hinsdale	21	<1%
Huerfano	166	<1%
Jackson	17	<1%
Jefferson	13,196	12%
Kiowa	11	<1%
Kit Carson	42	<1%
La Plata	1,616	1%
Lake	297	<1%
Larimer	8,236	7%
Las Animas	238	<1%
Lincoln	31	<1%
Logan	211	<1%
Mesa	3,228	3%
Mineral	14	<1%
Moffat	191	<1%
Montezuma	627	1%
Montrose	745	1%
Morgan	188	<1%
Otero	165	<1%
Ouray	141	<1%
Park	866	1%
Phillips	30	<1%
Pitkin	842	1%
Prowers	71	<1%
Pueblo	2,117	2%
Rio Blanco	55	<1%
Rio Grande	157	<1%
Routt	1,002	1%
Saguache	205	<1%
San Juan	31	<1%
San Miguel	581	1%
Sedgwick	21	<1%
Summit	1,445	1%
Teller	917	1%
Washington	47	<1%
Weld	4,319	4%
Yuma	63	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,390	1%
Cancer	2,286	2%
Glaucoma	1,015	1%
HIV/AIDS	590	1%
Muscle Spasms	25,671	23%
Seizures	1,589	1%
Severe Pain	107,159	94%
Severe Nausea	14,225	13%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	70%	39
Female	30%	42

** The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.